

2005 Grants**East Asia and Pacific:** 10 projects**Name of Organization:** University of Arkansas at Little Rock**Location:** Little Rock, Arkansas**Subject:** Maintaining, Protecting and Promoting Local Chinese Culture and Heritage

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) will conduct an exchange program with China to address the issues of maintenance, protection, and promotion of local Chinese culture and heritage in a manner responsive to local communities, while respecting cultural diversity and national identity. This “Local Chinese Culture and Heritage Project” (LCCHP) will bring eight Chinese participants to the United States for training and send four American consultants to China. Foreign participants in these exchanges will be recommended by the University, with the approval of the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs section and in accordance with The Human Rights, Refugee and Other Foreign Provisions Act of 1996, as amended.

Country(ies): People’s Republic of China

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Arkansas

Theme(s):

Name of Organization: Institute for Training and Development**Location:** Amherst, Massachusetts**Subject:** Promoting Tolerance & Public Service in Indonesia

The Institute for Training and Development (ITD) will conduct an exchange program intended to demonstrate to Indonesian education, political, religious, and community leaders how tolerance, openness, respect, and public service are critical components of democracy in America and how they can be adapted to the Indonesian context. ITD will assist the participants in investigating how these values and the development of values-based education, such as civic education, that reflects religious and community values, will provide young people with the motivation and the tools to participate in their young democracy. A major element in the project is the facilitation and maintenance of networks among individuals, their institutions, and their professional associations both within and between Indonesia and the U.S.

Country(ies): Indonesia

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Columbia University

Location: New York, New York

Subject: Developing Ecotourism and Conservation Materials for Tibetans

Columbia University will conduct an educational and cultural exchange to develop human capacity in Tibet that will facilitate the training of Tibetans in ecotourism and conservation. The project will develop relevant educational materials and courses in the Tibetan language in order to support the work of other NGOs working with Tibetans on ecotourism implementation. It will also provide training for government planners and policymakers. Through exchanges between U.S. and Tibetan educators, conservationists and experts, the project will train tourism practitioners and equip a core group of Tibetan teachers to develop the knowledge and teaching of ecotourism and conservation, by holding courses, workshops and meetings in the U.S. and in various areas of Tibet, and by preparing and distributing Tibetan-language case studies and educational materials.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: New York
Theme(s): Business, Democracy & Governance, Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: The Tibet Fund

Location: New York, New York

Subject: Accessing Higher Education in Tibet through Entrepreneurship Training

The Tibet Fund will implement an exchange program designed to give Tibetans access to higher education in China and the United States. The project's goal is to improve economic conditions in all of Tibet, including the Tibetan areas in the surrounding provinces of Qinghai, Gansu, Sichuan, and Yunnan. The program will encourage the development of entrepreneurship among Tibetans by training them in fields such as computer science, tourism, and English. This grant will support the continuation of two programs, one of which sends ten professionals to train for a year in the United States, and the other for 40 students to train in English, computer science, and tourism at the Khampa Institute in Dhartsedo.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: China (Tibet)
Theme(s): Business, Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: Tibet Poverty Alleviation Fund

Location: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Subject: Developing Enterprise Management in Tibet

This grant will provide four months of theoretical and practical on-the-job training to at least 80 township- and village-level Tibetans in motorcycle repair skills, supplemented by training in basic enterprise management and accounting skills for rural enterprises. The project will provide small grants to help with the establishment of township and village motorcycle repair enterprises and provide them with their initial stock of tools and motorcycle spare parts. Training will be conducted at the Nakchu Vocational Training Center, while main responsibility for the selection of trainees and support to the establishment of township and village enterprises will rest with the staff of the Nakchu Poverty Alleviation Office.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Business

Name of Organization: University of Virginia

Location: Charlottesville, Virginia

Subject: Promoting Geotourism in Tibet

This grant to the University of Virginia (UVA) will create an innovative model for Tibetan geotourism -- tourism that is culturally, economically and ecologically attentive to and beneficial to local communities - thereby addressing the need for responsible models of educating tourists and agencies on community realities, perspectives and needs. UVA will implement that model in Kham, eastern Tibet (in present-day Sichuan Province), which lags behind the Tibet Autonomous Region yet has tremendous potential for tourism because of its striking landscape, rich culture, and permit-free travel. UVA will design and implement sustainable instances of three types of tourism (mainstream, volunteer, and study abroad) to refine the model, create momentum, and produce detailed case studies.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Virginia

Theme(s): Business, Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: University of Massachusetts

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Subject: Moot Court Project in China

Under this grant, the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Judges Conference, a private association of over 400 sitting and retired Massachusetts state judges, continue its ongoing Moot Court Project in China. Project activities use moot court criminal trials and procedural demonstrations to focus on issues such as: motions to suppress evidence; restraining orders due to domestic violence; admissibility of confessions; the use and misuse of expert testimony; judicial review of labor regulatory agencies; bail hearings; and the right to a speedy trial. Trial activities will include cross-examination of police officers and demonstrations of how the American open discovery process works. The group will also schedule corruption trials, to show the importance of countering corruption and the intricacies of addressing this type of crime.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Mansfield Fellows

The program, established by Congress in 1994, provides an opportunity for U.S. federal government officials to gain substantial personal knowledge about the Government of Japan by working alongside their counterparts in Japanese agencies. Those selected as Mansfield Fellows spend one year in Washington in intensive training in the Japanese language and the political economy of Japan, a second year at a Japanese government agency, and upon their return, work at least two years in the U.S. Government.

Country(ies): Japan

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Location: New York, New York

Subject: Promoting Conflict Resolution in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan

The National Committee on United States-China Relations (NCUSCR) will conduct an exchange program in conflict resolution, aimed at “Developing a New Generation of Cross-Strait Interlocutors.” The project will have the dual goal of providing introductory training in conflict resolution techniques for, and facilitating ongoing dialogue among, students in the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), Taiwan and the U.S. This will be done through an annual, week-long program that will combine training in conflict resolution techniques with dialogue and exercises designed to foster friendship, trust and camaraderie. Foreign participants in these exchanges will be recommended by NCUSCR, with the approval of the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section, and in accordance with The Human Rights, Refugee and Other Foreign Provisions Act of 1996, as amended.

Country(ies): People’s Republic of China, Taiwan

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: New York

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Northern Illinois University

Location: DeKalb, Illinois

Subject: Promoting Democracy & Governance

Northern Illinois University (NIU) will implement a multi-phase program for leaders from government, education, religious, media and business communities to promote democratic ideals in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). The four-phase program includes: (1) an orientation program on political processes in the Philippines and the U.S. for ARMM participants; (2) a four-week U.S.-based program of professional development, action plan development, study tour/site visits, interaction and dialogue; (3) implementation of action plans in selected communities in the ARMM; and (4) follow-on activities and site visits by the NIU team to monitor and evaluate the community projects. The follow-on activities in Mindanao will enable continued dialogue between the government of the Philippines, the leadership and civil society actors in the ARMM, and international experts.

Country(ies): Philippines

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Illinois

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Media, Business